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Title: Need to permit pedestrian movement on the over bridge at the Jolarpet Railway junction in Tiruvannamalai Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI D. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVANNMALAI): Jolarpet Railway Junction in Tiruvannamalai Lok Sabha constituency handles a heavy rail traffic of Express, Passenger and Goods train services. As the town is developing and growing in size, the Railway Junction now finds itself in the middle of Jolarpet town. The general public who are to go to the Government Hospital, Railway and veterinary Hospitals, Local Administration offices, several Educational Institutions, many business and industrial establishments apart from various Banks, Police Station and Electricity Board offices are invariably and inevitably dependent on the railway-over-bridge that links Eastern and Western part of Jolarpet town. At least fifty thousand people use that rail bridge everyday. Unfortunately, the public are prevented from using that rail bridge by the railway authorities which needs to be stopped. Since, it may cause great inconvenience to all concerned it would be better to think in terms of constructing one more such strong rail bridge along side. It must be noted that the metro rail in Delhi goes all out to help benefit the public especially the pedestrians by way of constructing extended road bridges or sub-ways wherever required. Hence, I urge upon the Railways to strengthen its bond with the public by constructing one more strong bridge while not causing inconvenience to public. I request the Hon. Railway Minister to intervene positively in this regard.